

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT

SINGER ET AL.

SERIAL NO.

09/552,485

FILING DATE

April 18, 2000

FOR

NOVEL SYNTHESIS AND CRYSTALLIZATION OF

PIPERAZINE RING-CONTAINING COMPOUNDS

GROUP ART UNIT:

1624

EXAMINER

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Amendment

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination has been filed concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants enclose the fee for a two-month extension of time; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or debit any underpayment or overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0600.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please substitute the following paragraph for paragraph 1:

-- This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional Application Serial No.

60/130,047, filed April 19, 1999, and U.S. provisional Application Serial No.

60/182,745, filed February 16, 2000.--

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